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SUBJECT: US/MALAGASY RELATIONS: FURTHER PRESS TREATMENT OF  
CHARGE'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

REF: ANTANANARIVO 1069

1. THE ARTICLE DESCRIBED AND QUOTED BELOW APPEARED IN THE  
DAILY PRO-AREMA "BASY VAVA" ON JUNE 11. THIS TELEGRAM IS  
BASED ON FRENCH TRANSLATION OF IT CARRIED IN THE PRIVATELY-  
PUBLISHED "LA PRESSE MALAGASY" WHICH PUTS OUT TRANSLATED  
EXCERPTS FROM THE MALAGASY-LANGUAGE PRESS.

2. HEADLINE: "THE PEOPLE (DESIRING PEACE) HAVE APPROVED THE  
POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE AMERICANS." TEXT: FIRST, THE  
DAILY "BASY VAVA" DESCRIBES THE INTERVIEW WHICH THE AMERICAN  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAD WITH THE PRIME MINISTER JUNE 7. THE  
INTERVIEW IS DESCRIBED AS: "SENSATIONAL NEWS FOR THE PEOPLE...

"IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT IT WAS, IN EFFECT, IN 1975  
THAT WAS BORN THE MALAISE EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IN  
QUESTION: AMERICAN AND MALAGASY--A PERIOD DURING WHICH NASA  
HAD TO LEAVE ITS INSTALLATION AT IMERINTSIATOSIKA. AND IT  
SHOULD ALSO BE RECALLED THAT AT THAT TIME IT WAS THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY THAT WAS IN POWER IN THE US.

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"HOWEVER, IN THE PRESENT YEAR 1977, IT IS INSTEAD THE  
TURN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO COME TO POWER. CONSEQUENTLY  
AND FROM THIS FACT, THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE US  
HAS CHANGED.

"A MALAGASY PROVERB SAYS : "NEW SOVEREIGN; NEW LAWS."

"THUS IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT  
SHOULD CONFORM TO THIS AND TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT"

"BUT WHICH ARE AT PRESENT THE NATIONS WHICH DO NOT  
DESIRE TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH THE USA? PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
REQUIRE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, FOR IT IS INDEED PEACEFUL  
COEXISTENCE WHICH IS THE GUARANTEE OF A DURABLE PEACE IN  
THE WORLD.

"FINALLY, THE PEOPLES DESIRING PEACE APPROVE THE POLICY  
OF THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT, TENDING TO RE-ESTABLISH  
FRIENDLY RELATIONS, RELATIONS OF GOOD UNDERSTANDING WITH  
THE US. FOR IT IS A POWERFUL NATION WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO  
COOPERATE WITH US\* BESIDES, YESTERDAY AND TODAY ARE NOT  
THE SAME\*"BARRETT

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